



ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

November 2, 2007

Mr. Horacio Tablada, Director
Waste Management Administration
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 605
Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1719

Dear Mr. Tablada:

The Montgomery County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, for the Years 2004 through 2013 ("Plan"), prepared pursuant to Title 9, Subtitle 5 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, was adopted November 15, 2005. Under Section 515 of that article, an update of the Plan must be submitted to you by November 15, 2008. Also, Section 9-509(b) of that article requires that, at least every 2 years, each county must submit: (1) progress reports on the development of its plan and (2) a report of its review, including any revision or amendment of the plan that has been adopted. This letter and attached table represents Montgomery County's progress report and review pursuant to Section 9-509(b).

The required review was conducted jointly by the Executive and Council with Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) as lead, and was reviewed by the Solid Waste Advisory Council.

The results of our review of the current Plan are summarized in the attached table. While we identified several technical references and external factors to be reflected in the three-year update 2007-2016 Plan, the County has instituted no material change in its Solid Waste Management System requiring a change to the Plan at this time. No need for an amendment of the current Plan otherwise arisen since its adoption, and we are on track with preparing our 3 year update. Please call Dan Locke, Chief, DSWS at 240-777-6402, or Keith Levchenko, Council Staff at 240-777-7944, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

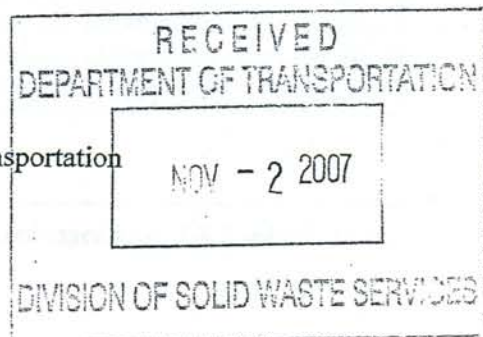
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County Executive

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Montgomery County Council

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Enclosure

cc: Arthur Holmes, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
Dan Locke, Chief, Division of Solid Waste Services
Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst



Montgomery County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Review Summary

Subject and Title	Comment ¹
1.1 Authority and Purpose	No change
1.2 Goals, Objectives, and Policies For Solid Waste Management	No change
1.3 Government Structure for Solid Waste Management	No change
1.4 Laws and Regulations Governing Solid Waste Management	Changes with technical references only
2.1 Population Trends	Maintain consistency with M-NCPPC (minor difference)
2.2 Employment Trends	Maintain consistency with M-NCPPC (minor difference)
2.3 Zoning and Comprehensive Land Use	No change
2.4 Subsidiary Plans	No change
3.1 Solid Waste Generation	No material inconsistency with current County Fiscal Plan.
3.2 Waste Collection Methods	No change
3.3 Waste Acceptance Facilities	No new facility, no longer accept yard waste at either beauty spot, update tonnage data in the tables,
4.1 Management Needs: Municipal Solid Waste	No change
4.2 Management Needs: Special Waste Streams	No change
4.3 Constraints on New Solid Waste Acceptance Facilities	No change
4.4 Solid Waste Outreach, Education and Promotion	No change
5.1 General	No change
5.2 The Solid Waste Management System	Replace reference (on p. 5-15) to considering WSSC site to Gude); RRF Electricity now sold on open market (not to Mirant)
5.3 Adequacy of Existing System to Handle Waste Streams	No change
5.4 System Financing	No change
Appendix A. Definitions and Acronyms	No change
Appendix B. Materials Received at Montgomery County Solid Waste Management Facility Tonnages: Fiscal Years 1997 - 2004	Table contains historical data only
Appendix C. Material Flow Diagram and Recycling Calculations: Fiscal Year 2004	Diagram contains base year data only.
Appendix D. Landfill Site Selection Criteria	No change
Appendix E. Community Agreements	No change
Appendix F. Council Resolution 13-1498 "Creation of Facilities Implementation Group"	No change
Appendix G. Montgomery County Executive Regulation 6-99AM Expansion of Leaf Vacuuming Collection District	No change
Appendix H. Recommendations Provided by the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)	No change

¹ As of October 2007, no changes have been found to be needed in the official Plan.